Panhandle News.
Immigration Supplement.

Clarendon, Donley County, Texas, January, 1888.

Clarendon is the best Panhandle town.

It is the county seat of Donley, to which the counties of Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Hall and Swisher are attached for land and judicial purposes.

The best location for a town in the Panhandle.

Plenty of the purest water.

Five hundred inhabitants.

Four grocery stores.

Three dry goods stores.

One hardware store.

One bank and company.

Six restaurants.

Three hotels.

Two livery stables.

One laundry.

Two tin shops.

Two barber shops.

Two abstract firms.

One newspaper and job printing office.

One jeweler and watch maker.

Three real estate firms.

Two insurance firms.

One church organized.

Two large lumber yards.

Two coal dealers.

Two blacksmith shops.

One furniture establishment.

Three stores that sell feed.

Two wholesale houses.

Six painters.

Eight carpenters and builders.

Two doctors.

Eleven lawyers.

Four licensed saloons.

Best stock pens in the Panhandle.

One newsstand.

Two butcher shops.

One shoe shop.

One tailor and hat maker.

One gun store and repair shop.

One millinery and sewing house.

One bakery.

One confectionary.

One sewing machine agent.

Two wagon yards.

One bone and hide house.

One nursery agency.

A post office with money order department.

Panhandle headquarters for the Fort Worth and Denver, and we promise of two other railways so near.

Not a single vacant house and daily demand for houses.

It is the cheapest place in the

handle to buy anything you want.

In addition to the original beautiful town site, two additions have already been laid off and platted.

McClelland addition lies in the western part of town and the Beautiful Grant addition lies on the picturesque elevations south of town.

Be sure and buy a choice lot in the Grant addition while they are cheap.

RALPH JEFFERSON,
DEALER IN
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,
CLOTHING, DRY GOODS AND
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Texas
Donley County.

Donley county was named for Judge Donley, one of the members of the Supreme court of Texas in an early day. It was organized in March, 1882. Donley is the best watered district in the Panhandle, which, in the abundance of pure soft water and ever flowing springs and easily accessible well water all of which is soft and pure. The middle fork of Red River courses through this country fed by numerous unfailing springs of freestome water. There are 26 creeks in Donley county, they are named White Oak, Saddle, Carroll, Lake, Allan, Reeder, Turley, Rawlin, Burton, Skillei, Park, Kelley, Big Brushy, Little Brushy, Mudberry, folks determined to make it division headquarters. The old town of Clar­ endon was located in the valley of Red river by the colonists 1878, where the first printing press was planted and the first paper printed which the News had been printed by contract first in Wisconsin and afterward in Sherman. At the time the printing office was transferred to the town of Clarendon, there was no semblance of a newspaper office or printing press, the Panhandle and one in northwest Texas west of Henri­ etta. In the month of July, 1887, the Ft. Worth & Denver railway was completed to the new town of Clarendon five miles southeast of the old town and a Segment of the us. Garden vegetables grow to the greatest perfection here. From the abundant yield of the wild grape and plum crop it is believed that this will become a fine fruit country, so soon as the experienced “man with the hoe” can have time to demonstrate this by the growing of orchards. Donley county being centrally located and with a large area of tillable lands and unrivaled water privileges, now that several great central railway systems are sweeping by it is destined to assume an important position in commerce and society of the Panhandle. There is very little railway land in Donley county as its lands were located by private persons and stock companies so that the utmost care was taken between private lands and school sec­ tions. The four leagues of Donley county school land inherited from the state were sold at $5 per acre and the income with what is appropriated annually from the state fund gives a perpetual endowment for county free schools of $2,000 a year. As the country is out of debt and over $12,000 in the treasury there is an interesting future before us. We are in shape to invite the better class of people to settle among us and help us to build an American Christian civiliza­tion peculiar to the Panhandle.

How to get Texas Lands

As we have constant inquiries from those who are seeking to purchase a homestead out of our public lands we must once for all that you can buy not less than 160 acres, or 320, 480 or 640, but up to 640 acres which you can buy at an average cost $5 an acre cash down, on the land you find the land to suit you, you will get a blank form for an application to purchase that you want suit you, you will get a blank form to suit you, you will get a blank form for an application to purchase that you want the land for a homestead for yourself and that no other person or corpora­tion is interested in the purchase, and that you have in good faith actually settled thereon and will improve the same. You will forward your applica­tion to purchase directly to Hon. R. M. Hall, State Land Commiss­ioner, Austin, Texas, inclosing the sum of $5 an acre cash down. On other lands you will pay one forti­eth the principal annually, ac­cording to the appraisement put on such section in classifying and valuing it. Each annual payment on the principal must be made on or before the first day of August, together with in­terest at the rate of five per cent per annum on the unpaid principal. Af­ter you have occupied the land for three consecutive years and made the required payments of principal and interest due at that date you will be allowed to pay the balance due on the land and obtain a patent for the same, provided you make satisfactory proof that you have resided on the land for the time required. The time allowed for the payment is not less than 160 acres, or 320, 480 or 640, but up to 640 acres which you can buy at an average cost $5 an acre cash down, on the land you find the land to suit you, you will get a blank form to suit you, you will get a blank form for an application to purchase that you want the land for a homestead for yourself and that no other person or corpora­tion is interested in the purchase, and that you have in good faith actually settled thereon and will improve the same. You will forward your applica­tion to purchase directly to Hon. R. M. Hall, State Land Commiss­ioner, Austin, Texas, inclosing the sum of $5 an acre cash down. On other lands you will pay one forti­
Description of Counties

Attacked to Donley County for Land Purposes

**Armstrong County.**

This county is coming in the front since the Panhandle and Denver has been built through Southern Kansas, and deserves a more favorable notice than has hitherto been awarded it. Its soil is deep and fertile, and the little cattle raised on it, are beautiful prairie land. What little experimenting has been done in seeding on the big ranches has demonstrated that it will be the wheat

*times in the canyons of the Palo- duro and the breaks of the other streams. Armstrong county is yet unorganized and attached to Donley county for judicial and land purposes. It will organize next summer.

**Borden County.**

Nearly all the lands in this county are located on the plains, and only a portion of them are included in the big pastures of the Tule and T Anchor ranches. It is watered by the Prairie Dog fork of the Red river, which runs across the county from west to east, with Benson creek in the western part, and Mulberry running across the north east quarter of the county. Like all the Panhandle lands, the water is excellent and the soil is rich. It is attached to Donley county for land and judicial purposes.

**Carson County.**

It lies in the geographical center of the Panhandle and is attached to Donley county for judicial and land purposes. On account of its central location and being on the border of the plains great expectations are entertained of its future. The Kiowa extension of the Southern Kansas road has been completed to the town of Panhandle, which is two miles south of the center of the county. In a few months the Denver line will be completed to this point. By the last of February the Fort Worth & Denver and the Russell lines will be finished to this place from Washburn. A preliminary line of the Chicago &"
LEADING BUSINESS MEN OF CLARENDON.

HOTEL WINDSOR.

At Clarendon and Panhandle. Rates $2.00 to $3.00. The Hotel Windsor, at Clarendon, Texas, the terminus of the western passenger division of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad is now completed with all the modern improvements, has good sample rooms, and is the largest and most complete hotel in the Panhandle. The Panhandle house at Panhandle city, Carson county Texas, the terminus of the Southern Kansas Railroad, is the finest hotel in the county.

LITZER & GAULT, Proprietors.

ARHOLD SUTER AND COMPANY.

Keep a large stock of heating and cooking stoves both for wood and coal, with complete outfits of tools for manufacturing tin ware and repairing everything in their line. This firm has ordered a stock of hardware which will be here in a few days. They have arranged to open a branch house at Panhandle in Carson county.

DR. J. D. Stocking, who is proprietor of our principal drug store, has the best drug house and stock this side of Fort Worth and keeps constantly on hand everything one would expect to find in a first class drug store, including paints, oils, window glasses, wall paper, lamps, mirrors, clocks, watches, jewelry and notions, too numerous to mention, all of which he sells cheap for cash. The Doctor is also co-partner with J. C. Carter, in a drug house in Panhandle, Texas. The Doctor's consultation rooms are in the rear of his store, where he may be found when not attending professional calls.

FURNITURE STORE.

Clarendon has a good stock of furniture. Mr. E. M. Wisefrey is a young man of tact and industry and in addition to the furniture line he carries in stock sporting goods and sewing machines. In the rear part of the store he has opened a repair shop for disabled guns, sewing machines or furniture.

SIG NEUMAN & CO.

Have a bran new livery stable, first-class rigs and good teams. Plenty of feed always on hand, and the best of attention given to stock. In connection with the livery, feed and sale stable they run a wagonyard with conveniences for the traveling public. Charges reasonable.

JAMES L. GRAY, SURVEYOR.

Has done a great deal of professional work in Donley and its attached counties. He is not only an accurate surveyor but an excellent draughtsman and a general land agent. He will locate settlers, examine and report upon land, and make maps or sketches of land in any portion of the Panhandle.

B. H. WHITE & CO.

One of the earliest and largest establishments in the Panhandle is the firm of B. H. White & Co., first located at the old town of Clarendon and afterwards transferred to the new town on the completion of the railway to Clarendon some months ago. By years of experience in the general merchandize trade of the Panhandle they have acquired the tact to know just what the people want and how to supply it. By their strict integrity in all matters of business they have won the confidence of all the old settlers, and will still be able to hold their share of this trade, and are making public on account of the quantity of their goods and the low price put on them. In addition to their large establishment at Clarendon they have opened a branch house at Panhandle City in Carson county, and placed E. C. Cartl in charge. A more enterprising business firm never struck the Panhandle. A few of the interesting secrets of their success is that they have spent more money in advertising their goods than any other house in the Panhandle.

MASON HOUSE.

The Mason house was the first hotel built in Clarendon and has twenty rooms in it. It is located near the center of business. J. P. Mason and Mrs. Mason have both labored hard to accommodate their guests and give their whole attention to the management of the house. When you reach Clarendon give them a call.

J. A. TIDDER & WAGON YARD.

One of the first buildings you will see on approaching Clarendon by train is the Tidder & Wagon yard. Mr. S. F. Tidder is the oldest hotel keeper in town having kept the old town hotel before the building of the railway. Every effort will be made to accommodate guests.

LIVESTOCK & WAGON YARD.

Clarendon has a large stock of livestock and is the newest real estate firm in Clarendon. It is run by M. P. Carter & Co. They have for sale over six hundred and fifty thousand acres of Panhandle lands. Have a large capacity in the Panhandle.

LAND LOCATOR.

James H. Parks is one of the early settlers of Donley county and has spent many years in the Panhandle as a practical settler and locator of land. He makes a specialty of locating parties who buy school lands. He is an expert in his profession.

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MALCOLM BROTHERS.

Are the leading land agents of the Panhandle. They will buy, sell and lease lands in any portion of the Panhandle, they will render and pay taxes for non residents, perfect titles and obtain patents, make collections and sell or procure stock ranches in northwest Texas. Parties desiring information with a view of going into the cattle business will do well to correspond with us.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG STORE.

This enterprising drug firm opened the first drug store at Quanah, where they still have a branch house, with their main stock at Clarendon, where they opened the first drug store after the arrival of the railroad. They have on hand a large and complete stock of pure drugs, with a beautiful assortment of perfumery, stationary and all kinds of goods usually kept in a drug store.